

## **COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION**

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| <b>Title of Walk</b>  | Aixorta from Bolulla castle   |   |
| <b>Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)</b>   | Bolulla,<br>At the end of the tarmac road leading to the N from the CV715.  |   |
| <b>Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km</b>   | 14  |   |
| <b>Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m</b>  | 830   |   |
| <b>Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops</b>   | 4hr<br>6hr  |   |
| <b>Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)</b>  | VS/B  |   |
| <b>Grid reference of start point (if known)</b>   | Lat:- 38.696167, Long: -0.131562  |   |
| <b>Directions to Start</b>  | Follow the CV 715 either S from Parcent or N from Callosa d'en Sarria to km 45.7 and turn N. Drive approx 3.5km to end of paved road and park here. |   |
| <b>Short walk description</b>   | A testing round to the summit of Aixorta providing spectacular 360 degree views to all the surrounding mountains.                                   |   |
| <b>Full Walk Description</b>  |   | <b>Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far</b> |
| Start by walking uphill along the track to pass a renovated house and a ruin and just before you reach a col look out for a large cairn and footpath on the LHS. Take this.   |   | 450m, 7min                                  |
| It is scratchy in parts but clear. Keep going until you approach a large deep gully on the LHS and soon reach a ruin where you turn more steeply uphill to the R.   |   |   |
| At the top of the first short climb there is a cairn and red paint spots indicating a thinner route descending on the L towards the barranco. Take this.  |   | 1.3km, 22min                                |
| After passing the cairn & red spot the trail descends steeply down onto a shoulder of the barranco. Here the path drops down on to a lower terrace before turning R towards the head of the barranco. There are some cairns to follow as the path follows the contour line to a point where crossing the barranco is relatively easy. |   | 1.6km, 28min                                |
| Once across, the path heads south for about 200m to a cluster of pine trees. Here there   |   |   |

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| <p>is a right turn and the path zig zags its way 150 metres up the hillside to a rocky ridge.<br/> <b>Apr 16 - The hillside between km2 and 2.7 has been turned over by wild boar and the path is at times difficult to follow. Some of the cairns have been demolished too. Just make your way up to the ridge as best you can as the vegetation is not too dense.</b></p> | 2km, 40min       |
| <p>Here turn L along the L edge of the spur and continue until it levels when you turn to the R (West) to wander over the crest of the spur and to the R of a substantial ruin to pass through thicker scrub and then join the end of a track.</p>  | 2.7km, 58min     |
| <p>Take the R fork (the L goes only onto the terrace in front of you) and then a few metres further take the L fork on a broader track descending.</p>  |                  |
| <p>Along this track you come to a cairn on the LHS indicating a steeply rising path which we take to reach a the end of a further track above which we follow uphill with views now of the craggy summit of Aixorta directly ahead.</p>   | 3.1km, 1hr 2min  |
| <p>Reach a fork with a larger track directly in front of you and turn L at a cairn to join a thin footpath going steeply uphill.</p>  | 3.7km, 1hr 16min |
| <p>Reach a sloping terrace and trend L until this starts to level in a few metres when we cross to the R to round a large boulder on the R and keep ahead. Work along this a few metres to pass a hawthorn thicket and round this to climb a steep bank. Keep ahead to climb the next bank and emerge on a wide track where we turn L.</p>                                  |                  |
| <p>Follow this around past a water deposito and go L at the next zig-zag to reach a fork where we take the R fork signed to Font de Teixos and Cima de Aixorta. Follow this quickly reach the font on the L and a refuge directly in front of you. (You can usually fill water bottles at the Font)</p>   | 4.5km, 1hr 29min |
| <p>Pass to the R of the refuge to find a Y/W marked footpath which we follow up a gully on the L to reach a col below the summit.</p>   | 4.8km, 1hr 37min |
| <p>From here you can continue steeply uphill on the Y/W footpath to reach the summit with views in all directions by you will have to return to this col to continue the walk.</p>  |                  |
| <p><b><u>NOTE – times and distances include ascent to summit</u></b></p>  |                  |
| <p>To continue, go over the col and drop a few (10/15)metres before following the obvious footpath to the R along the flank of the mountain.</p>  |                  |
| <p>Go over a grassy plateau where the path becomes clearer and follow the yellow paint marks down to reach a ruin on the R at a shallow col and around a small knoll on your L to continue on a clear footpath.</p>   | 6.2km, 2hr 3min  |
| <p>After a while this joins an overgrown broad track and descends with cultivated terraces on your L and rounds a bend to the R to reach a col with a remote casita on the LHS at a track junction.</p>   | 7.4km, 2hr 20min |
| <p>Turn R now gong back uphill.</p>   |                  |
| <p>Walk uphill to soon reach a junction with a 30kph sign where we turn L.</p>  | 7.9km, 2hr 26min |
| <p>Cross over the hill and descend a few metres (Fantastic views again!) to reach a zig-zag bend where we can take a short cut directly ahead over tougher terrain or follow the zig-</p>   |                  |

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| <p>zag down to reach the bend below.</p> <p>Here there are 2 tracks going ahead. Take the lower of these along the flank of the mountain.</p> <p>Keep ahead on this now for some time. In places there are clear signs of erosion but it is easy going and you are losing height fast!</p> <p>At an indistinct junction keep to the R on the clearer track to walk into the head of a gully and out the other side. (L) As you rise slightly uphill watch out for the next indistinct track on the LHS.</p> <p>Take this and walk along until the track bends L and then continue ahead and down to follow a thin line to the E and then NE.</p> <p>You cross rough ground to emerge in a field with a clearer track going uphill to your R and around a ruin. <b><u>We go L</u></b> to the edge of the field, R along its edge for 5m and then L at a cairn to again cross rough ground.</p> <p>This path wanders with many twists and turns and many cairns. If in doubt go slightly o the E of N and eventually you will emerge at a clear track where you can either go L or R. Turn R here.</p> <p>Follow this path as its quickly starts to descend and continue ahead to eventually find the junction where at the start of the route you turned along a red dotted path.</p> <p>We continue ahead and down to retrace our steps back to the wide track where we turn R and downhill to our parked cars.</p> | <p>8.2km, 2hr 34min</p><br><p>10.3km, 3hr 4min</p><br><p>10.6km, 3hr 9min</p><br><p>10.8km, 3hr 14min</p><br><p>11.9km, 3hr 36min</p> |
| <p><b>Walk Recommendations or restrictions</b></p>  | <p>Navigational skills required for the rough sections, easy going on the tracks and marked footpaths.</p>                            |

For map see below.....

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**Route followed is outlined in Red**



